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1. A mixture of an ethoxylated non-ionic surfactant having an average of from 20 to 100 ethylene-oxy groups per molecule with from 0.1 to 150 parts by weight of a water soluble thiocyanate.
 2. A concentrated non-ionic surfactant emulsion comprising water, and said mixture in a concentration adapted to form an emulsion or G phase at a temperature below 40°C.
 3. A structured surfactant composition capable of suspending solids which comprises a structuring surfactant, water and, if required, electrolyte in relative proportions adapted to form a dispersed lamellar and/or spherulitic structured surfactant system, capable of forming an L₂ phase at some temperature below 50°C and, optionally sufficient of a deflocculant to inhibit the flocculation of said system characterised in that said composition comprises an effective amount of a phase stabiliser which is a mixture of (i) an ethoxylated non-ionic surfactant having from 20 to 100 ethylene oxy groups and (ii) a water soluble thiocyanate in a relative molar proportion (i):(ii) of from 1 : 200 to 20:1.
 4. A composition according to claim 3 wherein said structuring surfactant comprises a major amount of a non-ionic surfactant and a minor amount of anionic and/or amphoteric surfactant.
 5. A composition according to either of claims 1 and 2 wherein said stabiliser comprises an ethoxylated C₈₋₂₀ fatty alcohol.
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